

A Jet-Powered First

TO A LOCAL CARRIER in the U.S. goes the distinction of being the first all jet-powered air-

line in North America and perhaps in the world. As of November first, Bonanza Air Lines has been operating turboprop F-27s exclusively over its system in California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

It is not only a mark of progress. It is also a strong indication that local carriers are eliminating small DC-3 stops which, after suitable experimental periods, have shown that they cannot support scheduled air service even with DC-3s without unduly burdensome subsidy. Cities which can support scheduled service can also provide better airports which in turn bring faster, better and more modern equipment.

Bonanza had small beginnings within Nevada. Much of the territory it serves is sparsely settled. But through the years it has obtained strong anchors in such major trading areas as Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Reno and Los Angeles, with its headquarters, Las Vegas, as the hub. It now operates a regional system which merits respect. We add our congratulations to the many it has received for reaching the jet-powered milestone.